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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Tony R. Markovitch, Madison, DOB: 03/02/85, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 54 months in prison, followed by a three-year term of supervised release, for unlawfully possessing a loaded handgun as a convicted felon. Markovitch pleaded guilty to this charge on May 17, 2005.

Markovitch was driving erratically on March 2, 2005, when he was stopped by Madison police officers. The loaded handgun was found tucked in the front waistband of his pants. Markovitch also had 4 grams of cocaine, marijuana, and a scale on his person. In February 2005, Markovitch had been convicted of felony possession with intent to distribute THC, in Dane County.

The charge against Markovitch was the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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